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TO: Network Providers

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SUBJECT: Use of Emergency Assistance (EA) TANF for Child Protection Clients

To help relieve pressure on the FY2011 budget, we will be moving current SUD clients who entered treatment through the FACS Child Protection liaison program, from SUD general fund treatment dollars, to EA TANF. New clients entering treatment will come in under EA TANF coverage.

From a provider perspective, treatment goals won't change. This funding can only be used for a 90-day period in a year, but because we are requiring all clients except those in drug court, to be subject to 90-day reviews, no additional reviews are required. Because of the timing of this action, if a client needs to receive further treatment after the 90-day period they will be moved back to SUD treatment funds, but we will then be close enough to the next fiscal year that treatment costs will be accounted for in FY2012 rather than in FY2011.

FY2011 started out over \$5,000,000 in the hole. By carefully managing our spending this year we think we are going to be in much better shape going into FY2012. Using EA TANF for the remainder of this year with this client population could save us \$500,000 in SUD treatment funding, and will have a positive impact on what FY2012 will look like.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact me at skippenk@dhw.idaho.gov.